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Complainant / Complainee

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Complainant Name:\*

Complainant FULL Address:

Complainant Phone:

Complaint Against:\*

Jens Schkade  
Square Deal Store  
Grand View, Idaho

(b) (7)(C), (b) (6)

Problem

Problem Description:\*

Open burning and covering of the demolition debris of the Square Deal Store

Problem Location (address, directions, etc.):

Store was located at: 215 Main St, Grand View, ID 83624

Burning and burial occurred on private property owned by Mr. Schkade 5 miles west of Grand View off Highway 78.

Notifications - E-mail addresses to notify of changes or updates \* (at least one required)

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Response(s)

**Responder Name:** Toole, Mike

**Date:** 10/14/2021 1:17:40 PM

**Response:**

10/12/2021 - (MT) Original complaint/info submission was made on 10/12 at @ 1:32 PM through the DEQ online Environmental Concern form. The submission was made (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Both have requested to remain anonymous. The information was forwarded to BRO on 10/13/2021 at 10:53 AM.

The information stated concerns over the open burning of waste construction material from a building being remodeled in Grand View. The submission stated the demolition waste was being transported in dump trucks out to Vinson Wash outside of town off Highway 78. The debris continued to be piled up on 10/5 and was burned a few days later. The complainant (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) The information was shared via email and the complainant is willing to talk via phone.

10/13/2021 - (MT) I called the individual who sent the email at 11:15 AM and left a voicemail with my contact info and reason for calling. They returned my call at 1:15 PM. I verified the details of the environmental concern. The Square Deal store in Grand View had all the interior removed and transported away in haul trucks. It is estimated there were 7-8 truckloads. It was moved to private property owner by Jens Schkade on or around 10/5 and dumped along the tree line. Then the entire building was demoed and transported to the same location. Within a day or two of the materials being transported, they were burned as a means of disposal. Based on observations made by the complainant, these materials included all interior and exterior materials that would burn (shelving, lumber, carts, framing, and possibly wiring and other materials). There is also concern, with the age of the building, of there being asbestos and lead in these materials. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/13/2021 - (MT) I called (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at 3:40 PM. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) confirmed the details (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) All materials from the interior and exterior were torn down/out, removed to the private property location and burned. After the materials were burned, it was explained that much of it was covered up with cinder block materials from the demolition.

The area of the private property was also confirmed. It is owner by Jens & Rae Lynn Schkade and is approx. 5 miles west of Grand View just north of Highway 78. This was verified through the Owyhee County Assessor (b) (6), (b) (7) pic attached). The area of the burn is described as a ravine on the property. It is approx. 200 feet long down the tree line with a depth of 20-25 feet. According to the complainant the debris lines the ravine walls.

There is no adjacent body of water (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) it may be a concern as the ravine is fed by irrigation water and water can be present in the ravine.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

During our conversation the complainant stated that some of the burned materials had been covered up and the cinder blocks from the demo site were also used for this purpose. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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The complainant stated they contacted IDWR but was told it was not for them to follow up on. They contacted the Army Core of Engineers but have received no response. The complainant contacted Grand View City Hall but received no assistance. The complainant stated there was no approved permit for demolition from the City for this project. There is no evidence that appropriate asbestos and lead abatement requirements were met prior to demolition. According to the complainant, there was a city council meeting on 10/13 and the demolition permit was on the agenda.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

The complainant has been in contact with me via text message (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Responder Name:** Toole, Mike

**Date:** 10/14/2021 1:32:13 PM

**Response:**

10/14/2021 - (MT) A site visit is tentatively planned for tomorrow (10/15/2021). Permission has been secured (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) The complainant will also be on site to assist in showing the area of the debris and answer any additional questions.

The owner of the building and the property where the debris was dumped and burned (Jens Schkade) has not been contacted. During conversations with the complainant, there was a concern that if the owner was contacted prior to an site visit by DEQ personnel, the debris may be further covered, removed or altered.

**Responder Name:** Toole, Mike  
**Date:** 10/15/2021 1:45:59 PM  
**Response:**

10/15/2021 (MT) - I conducted a site visit and took multiple pictures of the area where the dumping and burning occurred.

The first three pictures (RIMG0188 - RIMG0190) were taken from the public roadway (Main Street) in front of where the building was demolished.

Pictures RIMG0191 - RIMG0219

Pictures RIMO220 AND RIMO221 were taken south of the dump site from the pavement on Highway 78.

Inspection Timeline (approx. times):

10:42 AM - arrived in Grand View and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10:50 AM - (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), we arrived at demolition location on the corner of Main Street and Riverside Avenue. I took several photos from Main Street.

11:00 AM - accompanied by the complainant,

11:06 - 11:20 AM - observed the dump site and took photos.

11:26 AM - stopped on Highway 78

11:32 AM - arrived back at the Y-Bar Cafe

11:36 AM - left Grand View

Based on my observation, the ravine where the dumping occurred is approx. 170 yards long, 20-25 yards wide, and 10 -12 yards deep. The entire area was not full of debris but I did observe a substantial amount of materials that had been dumped and covered. Due to limited access, it was difficult to determine an accurate volume of material.

**Responder Name:** Toole, Mike  
**Date:** 10/18/2021 2:05:48 PM  
**Response:**

10/18/2021 (MT) - I received a call from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) concerning the permit for demolition and recent city council meeting on 10/13/2021. The caller was concerned about the after the fact discussion of the permit. The caller also expressed concern over pre-demolition requirements through the city. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) The caller emailed (10/18/2021) information including a news article concerning the city council meeting (attached) and information on the city council meeting agenda and P&Z dissolution.

**Responder Name:** Toole, Mike  
**Date:** 10/18/2021 2:50:46 PM  
**Response:**

10/18/2021 (MT) - received (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Responder Name:** Toole, Mike  
**Date:** 10/21/2021 1:14:18 PM  
**Response:**

10/21/2021 (MT) - Updated mailing address for Jens Schkade:

Jens & Rae Lynn Schkade

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Grand View, ID 83624

Also included Square Deal Store property information from the Owyhee County Assessor (document attached):

Schkade Holding LLC

Registered Agent  
RAELYNN SCHKADE

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

GRAND VIEW, ID 83624

**Responder Name:** Toole, Mike  
**Date:** 10/25/2021 5:05:01 PM  
**Response:**

10/25/2021 (MT) - Updated parcel number and map for dump site location. Parcel number (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) originally listed in response above is incorrect. The correct parcel number for the observed dump location is RP05S03E074800 (Owyhee County Assessor). The listed property owners are Jens & Rae Lynn Schkade. The marker on the picture identifies the debris dumping location.

The file for the Owyhee County Assessor Info was also updated and uploaded to this complaint. The original file cut off part of the assessor map. The new file (Owyhee County Assessor Info\_Updated)has been corrected to include the entire property where the debris was observed.

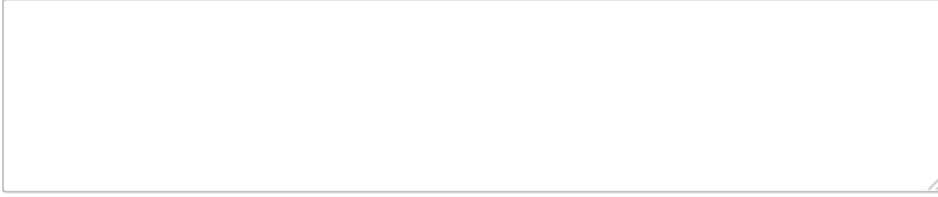
**Responder Name:** Toole, Mike

**Date:** 10/26/2021 2:32:44 PM

**Response:**

10/26/2021 (MT) - updated document - Schkade Holdings LLC Info - Sec. of State. Original upload had information cropped off. The updated file contains all information.

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